

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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LET THE NEW YEAR FIND YOU WITH VICTORY IN YOUR SOUL!

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THE OLD YEAR PASSES AWAY

The New Year Hastens on and Takes the Place of The Old.

What will the New Year Bring to you and me.

Slowly the Old Year is dying. Only a few more days and she will be gone, gone forever. And does any body care? Will any hearts be sad as the last moments come? Will any tears be shed as 1919 passes away?

There is another question that may be more important. Will any body have any regrets as a retrospective view of the past year is taken? Has any one failed to do his duty? Are any hearts aching because they have let the year pass without doing what they promised a year ago they would do? Have prayers been neglected? Has the attendance of Sunday-school and services for worship been as prompt as it should have been? Are tears streaming down your cheeks now while you are watching the old year go out as you remember broken vows and unkept promises?

These are questions to ask now, but the final answer to similar questions may be required at the judgment. It is a light thing to check up accounts with your self at the close of the year, cry over failures, defeats, disloyalty or rebellion, but it will not be so light at the judgment when you will have to give account to God. Now you can repent and start over new in the new year, but at the judgment it will be thus and so and no chance to make amends or start over new.

When a year commences one looks down the line for three hundred and sixty-five days and thinks of it as a long time to the end. It is easy to begin to neglect duties and console oneself that there is plenty of time to get it done before the end of the year. But in a few days it is all gone and the duties have been neglected for a whole year. What an awful thing it is to let opportunities pass by unheeded!

A sculptor once made a statue of stone to represent lost opportunities. He made it the shape of a man as if running away from danger. I fancy I see the figure now, staff in hand, holding it by the center and in a slanting position. No looking back and no slowing up as if to parley with a passer by. His face was set forward, and his form bent in the direction he was traveling. On his head was tufts and locks of hair hanging down over his temples and ears, but the back of his head was bald. On being asked why he left the back of his head bald the sculptor replied that opportunities can be caught as they come but after they have passed by there is no chance to grasp them.

And this is a good illustration. When once an opportunity is gone it is gone indeed. There is no chance to recall it. The

writer once had certain work to do which required hasty action the whole day through. This was not only one day, but it lasted for weeks. Every minute of time had to be used. To stop long enough to speak to a friend would throw him behind. He could hardly appear friendly toward the passers by. He could not lose a moment's time without great loss.

And this is the way I feel tonight about the Lord's work. I am afraid a minute may be spent that will not be counted for God's glory. And I do not want to lose any time as the year is hastening to a close. It seems like time runs on so fast! And there is no way to stop it!

A nice family once lived next door. I spoke to them and mingled with them as neighbors, and loved them as friends, and those of them that are living are still my friends, but the old grand-mother seemed very much grieved because I would not come and sit on their porch with the family and just talk. I had no time just to sit and talk. I must have some object, or business to talk about if I talked. I could not talk in the casual "pass away the time" sort of way. I felt like I was stealing to do it. And I find myself about the same way yet. Time is too precious—too sacred to let it pass by unoccupied. There must be something doing to satisfy one that feels pressed to make use of every passing hour.

As the old year passes away I feel like repeating an account of an incident that occurred several years ago. Several strong young men were engaged at a life saving station on the shore of a large body of water. They were trained for their work, but had not had a chance to put their training into real hard practice where lives were at stake. At last the test came. It was a bleak cold day and the storm was severe. The winds and waves beat a vessel upon the rocks near their station. Orders were given for action. Every one, true to his obligation, went about his task to rescue the crew and passengers. They put out in their little boats with all the equipments with which they were trained. They labored and toiled and fought with the wind and waves for hours. At last one by one they gathered back on the shore. They had failed in their attempt to rescue the floundering seamen. Not a single one of that ship's crew was rescued.

Those who came to shore built a fire and warmed and dried themselves. They counted and found one of the boys was missing. In vain they scanned the crest of the foaming billows. He was not to be seen any where. They grew uneasy and restless

fearing their comrade was drowned. About the time they gave up hope of ever seeing him again, he came in to shore bearing the body of a half drowned man. Those on the shore lent their assistance and helped the brave young man to land his treasure, but while they were busy nursing the rescued man to life the rescuer slipped away again to rescue a second. After struggling again with wind and waves for considerable time he brought in a second. This was repeated until he had rescued seven, eight, nine. And his comrades begged him each time not to venture out any more on the dangerous sea. But he went again and again until he had saved ten men. When the tenth was safely landed he fell to the ground completely exhausted. Tender hands ministered to him, and carried him to the hospital where he could have the best of attention. For days he was unconscious. At length one day he opened his eyes, and seeing the doctor sitting by his side he said, "Was there any more of the ship's crew saved?" "Not any more my boy" replied the doctor, "after you could work no longer."

"And did I do my best, doctor, to save that crew?"

"You surely did, my boy. You worked so hard that you almost lost your own life" replied the kind doctor.

He closed his eyes and seemed unconscious again for some time. At last he revived and opened his eyes again and said, "Did I do my best to rescue that crew?"

"Yes my boy, you did your best."

"But, doctor did I do my best, my dead level best?"

The doctor assured him that he did and that he had saved ten men from a watery grave. The young man repeated the question and insisted on an answer about whether he had done his "dead level" best or not, and on being assured that he had, and that he had lost his own life in consequence of his great efforts, he smiled and said in a sweet soft tone, "Then I am satisfied." Then he closed his eyes and breathed his last and was gone.

Beloved, I wonder if you can be assured by some kind friend as this old year passes away that you have done your best, the whole year through! I wonder what Jesus would say about me. I wonder what he would say about you!

If a young man can give his life to rescue a few men from the bosom of the ocean, how much more should we give our lives to rescue men's souls from the brink of a burning, roaring, screaming hell! If a young man who gave his life to rescue ten men from a shipwreck and a watery grave, and then be afraid he had not done his best, how is it with you who are expected to give your lives for the sake of Christ and the salvation of the lost souls of men! Are you afraid you have not done your best during the past year?

Does eternity stare you in the face and mock you for your lethargy? And are you determined to start in with the new year to do more effective service for the Master, or are you expecting to go on in the same old way, neglectful and careless as ever?

This gives you a subject for thought. And you have but a few days to make your decision if you get ready to start in fresh with the new year. The old year will slip away and the new one will take its place almost before you are aware of it. Something must be done quickly or the opportunity will be gone forever. And if opportunity comes, and passes by, you cannot catch hold of it after it is past. Remember the statue to represent opportunity had no hair on the back of its head. You can't catch hold of it to pull it back. It is gone and gone forever.

Yes, the old year passes away and the new year hastens on and takes the place of the old. And what did the new year bring to you and me? Of course, a short quick answer can be given. Quick as thought the answer comes, More opportunities. Opportunities for what? Opportunities for doing good. Will we take hold of the locks as they pass this new year, or will we let them pass as many have done during the past year, and then vainly catch at them after they have past. Beloved, remember that the back of the head of the statue of Opportunity was bald. There is nothing to take hold of after it passes by. Be faithful and work for Jesus the coming year. Let the year 1920 be the greatest year for the Church of any year that has passed over our heads.

The mighty incentive to missionary work is the love of Jesus, and the lack of love to Christ never limits our service. This is the fount of all sacrifice and the spring of all noble achievements.

In a frame building in New York a furious fire had burst out. A little girl and her two brothers were suddenly seen leaning from the window while the firemen stood below. In a moment she had dropped the eldest brother in their arms. Then they shouted to her to follow, for the flames were already sweeping through the window; but, she only answered: Willie is left, and flew back to gather him up from his little bed. Bundled up in blankets she brought him to the window and dropped him down, and then she quickly followed. But alas! Already the flames were blazing around her thin print dress, and as she reached their strong arms her flesh was all blistered, and her little life had been struck a fatal blow. Two days she lingered, and at last she gasped out, as she was dying, to the doctor who was bending over her, "Doctor, I saved Willie; Jesus will save me, won't He? That is the spirit of sacrifice, that is the spirit of service for the Master; that is the love which brought Jesus to die."

How marvelously God has poured out His Spirit upon us! This is done to make us able to do more effective service for our

Lord. God wants workers—brave, untiring workers, to spread this glorious message and rescue precious souls. He wants you and me to pour out our lives in His service. He wants men and women that will do something, those that will labor and toil day and night to bring lost souls to Christ. He wants us to enter into the New Year with undaunted courage, zeal and the love of God vibrating in every part of our being.

Several years ago the late A. B. Simpson of Christain Missionary Alliance fame told a story in one of his missionary lectures, of "a noble shepherd dog." It was a dark and stormy night. Most of the sheep had come back to the fold, but there were three missing. The faithful watchdog was lying in the corner in her kennel with her young and thought her trials were over. Suddenly the shepherd called her, and pointing to the flock, cried: Three are missing, go. She gave one sad look at her little ones, and then gave a look of obedient love at her master, and off into the darkness she plunged.

Back she came after an hour with two of the sheep. There was blood upon her and upon them. Hard had she fought for their lives with wolves, and thorns, and torrents, but they were saved, and with a grateful look she threw herself down in the kennel and gathered her brood to her bosom. But once again the master called, with his stern but kind voice, and pointing to the wilderness, said: "One is lost, go." She looked up in his face with a look of unutterable longing; but he still pointed to the wilderness, and if looks could speak, her glance uttered one last farewell, and into the darkness she plunged once more. It was long ere she returned. Late in the night a feeble scratching was heard upon the door. The shepherd rose and opened it, and there she crouched half dead, and the poor wounded sheep was standing trembling by her side. She had found the lost one, but it cost her her very life. One look she gave into his face, which seemed to say, "I have loved you better than my life," and then crawled over into her kennel and lay down with her little ones and grew still in death. She had loved her master and given her life for his lost ones. Oh! if a poor dumb brute could love like that, with no eternity to reward her, no heaven to await her, but the smile of his approval in the last instant of her life, what should He not expect of us, for whom He has given His life already, and to whom He waits to give a recompense that can never fade away? Beloved, shall we catch His glance as He looks out into the darkness, and cries: "A thousand millions are lost, go ye?"

What will the new year bring to you and me? Alas, there will be added responsibilities with every passing day. Are we going to be as faithful to our "Good Shepherd" as that shepherd dog was to her master? Are you ready to give the answer? Is this message heaping up respon-

sibilities upon you that are too heavy to bear? Do you feel that you can lose as much time next year as you have the past year?

True, you are not a dog, but you should be as faithful to your Master as was that shepherd dog. You can do it! You must do it if you are as successful as you want to be. And I'm sure you want to make good in the Master's service in 1920. If God requires some hard heavy work of you that you feel is almost too much, think of that shepherd dog that plunged out into the darkness that stormy night because one sheep was not in the sheep-fold. Then remember the multitudes that are not yet in the sheep-fold. How can you spend a moment's time in idleness? Oh, Beloved, my heart almost bursts as this message closes. The millions are lost and who will go into the hard places to rescue them? Will you go? Will you use your money to help some one that will go? How can you be easy and not do your best—"your dead level best!" I am sure you will never be able to sit around with your hands folded and gossip, and talk just to be talking, and pass the time away in idleness, and feel good in your soul after receiving this New Year's message. God will apply it to multitudes. The Holy Spirit will emphasize and enforce every word of it. Not one bit of force will be lost, because the presence of the Holy Ghost will go with it. My heart swells with emotion and love, both for you and our all glorious Good Shepherd.

Beloved, let us love more than ever. Real extreme compassionate love will affect us so much that there will be no shirking or shrinking from duty. Get the compassionate love and the service will follow. God cheer and bless you all! Amen!

The Gateway of God's People.

J. Leon Thornhill.

Dear ones, the language of this beautiful text is found in Ezekiel, the book of symbols and visions. Remember, dear friends, that God is longsuffering and is not willing that any should be lost, but that all men should come to repentance. God is omnipotent, is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Bless His name!

Listen to God through Ezekiel, "Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against the shepherds: and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them. For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day." (Eze. 34:10-12.)

Let us notice for a moment and see how God's sheep have

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Jesus has been honored by the
 Sunday schools in many places.

These are wonderful days and
 we have the assurance that God
 is with us.

It has been said that our peo-
 ple need training, and thanks be
 to God, we are now getting some
 of the very best of training.

Those who are pressed into
 service of any kind by a force of
 circumstances are often more
 successful than those who work
 according to their own choosing.

The glory and unity manifest-
 ed at the last Assembly are still
 fresh in the memory of all who
 attended, and the great influence
 of that wonderful meeting is still
 growing and spreading.

We are still receiving letters
 from dear ones who have been
 led astray by "would be" friends,
 stating that they are more con-
 vinced now than ever that "the
 Church of God is right," and
 their letters carry with them a
 sweet and loving spirit as they
 humbly confess their mistakes
 and ask forgiveness. My love
 for them seems almost un-
 bounded.

Many of the ministers that
 rank as Evangelists have already
 sent in their last years creden-
 tials for renewal in accordance
 with the ruling of the Assembly,
 and we trust they will all be in
 and new ones issued by the first
 of the year. They should all re-
 member that unless their creden-
 tials are renewed that they
 will not be recognized as minis-
 ters for the year 1920.

The Financial and reporting
 system practiced for two years
 was highly commended by many
 at the Assembly, and the general
 sentiment favored its continu-
 ance. There may be a few in
 some of the Churches that are
 unfriendly toward this system,
 but if they are they seem to be
 wise enough to say but little a-
 bout it. Every church and every
 minister will be expected to re-
 port regularly at the end of each
 month, and if there are any of
 the churches or ministers that
 do not have the report forms

please notify headquarters and
 and they will be supplied.

There are a few decisions of
 the Assembly that we have not
 yet been able to put into practice
 owing to the pressure of duties
 at headquarters, but it is our in-
 tention to get them started soon
 after the first of the year. When
 the minutes of the Assembly get
 into the hands of the people we
 expect to be better able to put
 everything into successful oper-
 ation.

To save postage we do not ac-
 knowledge the receipt of the do-
 nations on the Evangel Building,
 but it is our purpose to give the
 names of the donors in the E-
 vangel a little later. The names
 of those, however, that send
 through their local church will
 not be given, but the name of
 the church will be given.

We find it necessary to call
 attention occasionally to advices
 and rulings of past Assemblies
 as well as the latest one. The
 divorce and remarriage ques-
 tion has never been entirely set-
 tled, but while it remains unset-
 tled the Assembly plainly ad-
 vises that none should marry
 who have been divorced for any
 cause while the other is living.
 This advice should be observed
 by all members and ministers,
 and where some have already
 ran over this advice unheeded it
 has brought excessive trouble
 and heart aches. Our ministers
 must not officiate in marriages
 where they are made contrary
 to this advice. And our members
 should not marry contrary to
 this advice.

Notice

If anyone knows where Brother
 S. C. Elrod and wife are,
 please write me. They were at
 Macon, Ga. last September.

Yours for the cause of Christ,
 Florence Mayfield,
 Gorgas, Ala.

Interpretations.

Wimauma, Fla.,

Dec. 4, 1919

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greet-
 ings in Jesus' Name:

I am sending some interpreta-
 tions which were written by the
 Holy Ghost through me. One
 was written while I was at
 Branford camp meeting, and the
 other in my home one night
 after prayer.

As it is to the children of God,
 I thought it would be good to
 publish them in the Evangel.

Your sister in Jesus,
 Mrs. E. E. Simmons,
 Manatee, Fla.

Written at Branford, Fla. While
 in Brother Vernon's home, one
 afternoon after the three o'clock
 service.

"Far, far from the ideas of men
 shall you stand erect, for it is my
 will that my children should be
 so given over to my laws
 and government that they will
 be willing at all times to sub-
 mit to them as I reveal them to
 my servants. So I say to you,
 my children, one and all, watch
 and follow the ones that are in
 line with my Word for some are
 leaving the strait way. I say
 to one and all study, watch and
 pray and be obedient."

Interpreted by Brother Charlie
 Culpepper.

Written at Wimauma, Fla.

"My Word I will reveal to my
 children that are willing to obey
 and do what I appoint them to
 do. So as my will is for unity
 to prevail as those that will not
 come under my laws and govern-
 ment are moved out from among
 you so much more unity shall
 prevail. Where there is unity,
 there is strength so all of you as
 my children should be submis-
 sive to my calling at all times. As
 obedience is the way to unity
 and victory, so press on and be
 as one."

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been scattered. "Woe be to the
 shepherds of Israel that do feed
 themselves! should not the shep-
 herds feed the flocks? Ye eat
 the fat, and ye clothe you with
 the wool, ye kill them that are
 fed: but ye feed not the flock.
 The diseased have ye not
 strengthened, neither have ye
 healed that which was sick,
 neither have ye bound up that
 which was broken, neither have
 ye brought again that which was
 driven away, neither have ye
 sought that which was lost; but
 with force and with cruelty have
 ye ruled them. And they were
 scattered, because there is no
 shepherd: and they became meat
 to all the beasts of the field,
 when they were scattered." (Eze.
 34:2-5.) Therefore we hear Him
 say in tones that should be no-
 ticed and considered by every
 reader, "My sheep wandered
 through all the mountains, and
 upon every high hill: yea, my
 flock was scattered upon all the
 face of the earth, and none did
 search or seek after them." (Eze.
 34:6.)

Now, dear readers, I have
 proven to you that the children
 of God have really been scatter-
 ed, also have proven how that
 came about. Now the question
 is, Where are they and by what
 means are they to be scattered?
 They were scattered during the
 great apostasy by false shep-
 herds.

"Woe be unto the pastors that
 destroy and scatter the sheep of
 my pasture! saith the Lord. . . .
 Ye have scattered my flock, and
 driven them away and have not
 visited them: behold, I will visit
 you upon the evil of your doings,
 saith the Lord." (Jer. 23:1,2.)

"My people hath been lost
 sheep: their shepherds have
 caused them to go astray, they
 have turned them away on the
 mountains: they have gone from
 mountain to hill, they have for-
 gotten their resting place." (Jer.
 50:6.)

As stated above we find them
 scattered upon all the face of the
 earth, wandering through all the
 mountains and upon every high
 hill. Mountains and hills repre-
 sent the creed governments.—
 Yes, truly they have been scatter-
 ed but listen to God again,
 "And I will bring them out from
 the people, and gather them
 from the countries, and will
 bring them to their own land,
 and feed them upon the moun-
 tains of Israel by the rivers, and
 in all the inhabited places of the
 country. I will seek that which
 was lost, and bring again that
 which was driven away, and will
 bind up that which was broken,
 and will strengthen that which
 was sick: but I will destroy the
 fat and the strong; I will feed
 them with judgment." (Eze. 34:
 13, 14, 16.)

O, thank God for His wonder-

ful promises recorded in His
 Word. The way God is gather-
 ing His people is by the follow-
 ing Scripture, "Behold, I will
 send for many fishers, saith the
 Lord, and they shall fish them;
 and after will I send for many
 hunters, and they shall hunt
 them from every mountain, and
 from every hill, and out of the
 holes of the rocks." (Jer. 16:16.)

Well, praise God for His
 mighty gathering as foretold by
 His prophets in the long ago.
 Listen to the prophecy of Moses,
 the mediator of the old cove-
 nant, "The sceptre shall not de-
 part from Judah, nor a lawgiver
 from between his feet, until
 Shilo (Jesus) come; and unto
 him shall the gathering of the
 people be." (Gen. 49:10.) Yes,
 indeed, Babylon is falling and
 God's people are obeying His
 voice, "Come out of her, my peo-
 ple." Also, "And other sheep
 I have, which are not of this
 fold: (Church of God) them also
 I must bring, and they shall hear
 my voice; and there shall be one
 fold and one shepherd." (John
 10:16.) (Under one government
 with Jesus at its head.)

"For unto us a child is born,
 unto us a son is given: and the
 government shall be upon his
 shoulder: and his name shall be
 called Wonderful, Counsellor,
 The Mighty God, The everlast-
 ing Father, The Prince of Peace.
 Of the increase of his govern-
 ment and peace there shall be no
 end." (Isa. 9:6, 7.) Again, we
 read these words, "And not for
 that nation only, but that also
 he should gather together in
 ONE the children of God that
 were scattered abroad." (John
 11:52.) Remember, dear friends,
 that it is God's precious will for
 all of His children to be "one."
 One in faith, doctrine, and one
 in fellowship. Webster says, the
 meaning of the word faith is be-
 lief; creed; honor; promise given.
 This being true, we must
 all have the same belief or faith;
 same body or church; and the
 same spirit. "For the promise is
 unto you, and to your children,
 and to all that are afar off, even
 as many as the Lord our God
 shall call." (Acts 2:39.)

The church is the body of
 Christ, and it is always design-
 ated and called the Church of
 God by all the apostles of old.
 They loved and honored the
 church because she was the bod-
 y of Jesus. (Col. 1:24; Eph. 1:22,
 23.) It is the place where the
 children of God are being gath-
 ered together into one fold, one
 church or one body—all under
 one government. This gather-
 ing together is the answer to
 Jesus' prayer, "Neither pray I for
 these alone, but for them also
 which shall believe on me
 through their word; That they
 may be ONE; as thou, Father,
 art in me, and I in thee, that they
 also may be one in us: that the
 world (sinners) may believe that

thou hast sent me." (John 17:
 20, 21.)

You very well know, dear
 people, that it is not God's will
 for His people to be divided like
 they are, some believing in one
 thing and some in another. Some
 believe in church government
 and some do not. Brethren, let
 us all pull together, believe the
 same thing, teach the same
 thing, and stand for the same
 thing—the Church of God, with
 headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.
 You need not look for anything
 better than we are already in,
 which is the Church of God. If
 you do, you will never find it
 in this world. We have the
 Church of God. Let us do all
 we can in helping to perfect it.
 What did Hosea say about this
 great restoration or gathering
 together? "Then shall the chil-
 dren of Judah and the children
 of Israel be gathered together,
 and appoint themselves one
 HEAD, and they shall come up
 out of the land: for great shall
 be the day of Israel." (Hos. 1:
 11.)

Let us look back at the beauti-
 ful picture which Ezekiel gives
 us of this mighty gathering to-
 gether of God's true children, of
 those who are willing to walk in
 the light. John said, "But if we
 walk in the light, as he is in the
 light, we have fellowship one
 with another, and the blood of
 Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth
 us from all sin."—Not part (1
 John 1:7.) You see we must be
 in full fellowship with one an-
 other. Amen! The great valley
 of dry bones is declared to be
 the whole house of Israel and
 "Behold, they say, Our bones
 are dried, and our hope is lost:
 and we are cut off for our parts."
 (Eze. 37:11.) They were in a
 backsliden state—a perfect type
 of the church in her apostasy.
 Notice the bones were very dry—
 void of salvation. Also they
 were slain, condemned. Why?
 Read Eze. 18:4-20; 2 Thes 2:10-
 12.

Through the means of preach-
 ing they are to come forth from
 the grave—state of spiritual
 death.

"So I prophesied as I was
 commanded: and as I prophe-
 sied, there was a noise, and be-
 hold a shaking, and the bones
 came together, bone to his bone.
 Then saith he unto me, Prophecy
 unto the wind, prophesy, son of
 man, and say to the wind, Thus
 saith the Lord God; Come from
 the four winds, O breath, and
 breathe upon these slain, that
 they may live. So I prophesied
 as he commanded me, and the
 breath came into them, and they
 lived, and stood upon their feet,
 an exceeding great army. Then
 he said unto me, Son of man,
 these bones are the whole house
 of Israel: behold, they say, "Our
 bones are dried, and our hope is
 lost: we are cut off for our
 parts. Therefore prophesy and
 say unto them, Thus saith the
 Lord God; Behold, O my people,
 I will open your graves, and
 cause you to come up out of
 your graves, and bring you into
 the land of Israel. And ye shall
 know that I am the Lord, when
 I have opened your graves, O
 my people, and brought you up
 out of your graves." (Eze. 37:7-
 13.)

"And you hath he quickened,
 who were dead in trespasses and
 sins." (Eph. 2:1.) "And you,
 being dead in your sins and the
 uncircumcision of your flesh, hath
 he quickened together with him,
 having forgiven you all tres-
 passes." (Col. 2:13.)

Notice what happens to the
 people by adhering to the three
 experiences taught in God's
 Word. There is a great noise
 like mighty thunders. Such
 is the case when one gets saved,
 sanctified and filled with the

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Holy Ghost. There is leaping,
 dancing, shouting and much
 talking in other tongues as at
 Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-21.) To be
 sure a great noise can be heard.

The people are termed Judah
 and Israel, which denotes divided
 Christianity. "Moreover, thou
 son of man, take thee one stick,
 and write upon it, For Judah,
 and for the children of Israel
 his companions: then take an-
 other stick, and write upon it,
 Joseph, the stick of Ephraim,
 and for all the house of Israel
 his companions." (Eze. 37:16.)
 Notice how this unity of Chris-
 tianity of today is pictured
 through the union of the tribes
 of Judah and Israel, "And join
 them one to another into one
 stick; and they shall become one
 in thine hand. * * * Behold, I will
 take the children of Israel from
 among the heathen, whither
 they be gone, and will gather
 them on every side, and bring
 them into their own land:
 (Church of God) And I will
 make them "one" nation in the
 land upon the mountains of Isra-
 el; and one king shall be king
 to them all: and they shall be no
 more two nations (divided
 Christians) neither shall they be
 divided into two kingdoms any
 more at all: * * * but I will save
 them out of all their dwelling
 places, wherein they have sin-
 ned, and will cleanse them: so
 shall they be my people, and I
 will be their God." (Eze. 37:17-
 23.)

Thank God, they are coming
 from the east, west, north and
 south—they are coming from
 the Methodist, Baptist, Gospel
 Trumpet, Presbyterian etc. Truly
 Zion (Church of God) is spread-
 ing and is a place of safety for
 His people. "Enlarge the place of
 thy tent, and let them stretch
 forth the curtains of thine habi-
 tations: spare not, lengthen thy
 cords, and strengthen thy
 stakes; For thou shalt break
 forth on the right hand and on
 the left; and thy seed shall in-
 herit the Gentiles, and make the
 desolate cities to be inhabited."
 (Isa. 54:2, 3.) "And they shall
 call them, The holy people, The
 redeemed of the Lord: and thou
 shalt be called, Sought out, a
 city not forsaken." (Isa. 62:12.)
 These Scripture citations are
 proof enough for anybody that
 God is really gathering His peo-
 ple together in one body—His
 holy way. (Isa. 35:8.)

Surely God is gathering His
 people out of carnality and all
 sin, and is placing them in His
 fold—the Church of God—the
 Bible Church. Placing and put-
 ting them in position where they
 can live without sin all the days
 of their life. (Luke 1:73-75.)

Brother, sister, are you saved,
 sanctified, and filled with the Ho-
 ly Ghost? Are you a member
 of His body? If not, you had
 better begin to cry out, My God,
 what wouldst thou have me to
 do? The bride is soon to be
 caught away. Are you ready?
 The great gathering together
 will soon be past. Are you sav-
 ed? Amen! Amen!

THE SCRIPTURES

Perry W. Hadscock.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Tim. 3:16,17.)

Scripture—the sacred writings of the Old and New Testaments.

The apostle Paul was exhorting Timothy to stand by the Scriptures as they had been taught him when he was a child. Timothy was the son of a Greek and a Jewess. According to history, we learn that they were strict, religious people. Timothy, having been set forth as a minister, and labored with Paul in the gospel, was very dear to him. In the beginning of this letter, Paul addressed him as son. This letter is a part of the New Testament Scriptures.

There are many sacred writings in the Old Testament that are treasured in the hearts of some, then there are some (judging from the fruits) that they do not heed very much—but Paul said ALL Scriptures is profitable for the man of God. We are made to think at times that the reason some grow lank and lean is that they neglect some Scripture found in the old Bible.

Paul said that the man of God may be perfect. Repentance is the starting point or foundation of our hope of heaven, but there are many duties that become absolutely necessary for us to perform if we receive God's best that we knew nothing of when we started at repentance. Many cold experiences are caused by neglect of these duties. It doesn't seem that a person whom the Lord has so wonderfully blessed and baptized with the Holy Ghost would shirk from a Bible duty. (After coming to the knowledge of it.) It is a fact that some do, yet they profess that they believe in all the Bible rightly divided. Divide means to separate! distribute—not subtract.

We will notice some Old Testament Scripture. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." (Mal. 3:8.) This is a part of ALL Scripture which Paul wrote about, and it is for us if we go on to perfection. (Heb. 6:1.) Paul said it was good for the man, not a body of men, or congregation. So each of us should seek to know the value of it to us.

The prophet inspired by God asks the question, "Will a man rob God?" Then answers the question, "Yet ye have robbed me." The question naturally arises, "Wherein have we robbed Him?" How can a man rob God, the great Creator? The prophet explains—"In tithes and offerings." God in His wisdom, has a plan for His work to be accomplished. He works out His plans through human instrumentality. He gave His Son Jesus for the redemption of the world. He filled His mission and went to the Father, leaving His church here to fill her mission and we are living in the church age now. When we prove disloyal to her, we fail to do our duty. We are guilty as before God for His church is carrying out His plan. Therefore to rob her would mean to rob God. If she teaches that we should pay our tenth into the treasury and give offerings, and we fail to do this, then we become guilty in the sight of God.

Listen to Nehemiah, another inspired writer, "And I perceived that the portions of the Levites (ministers) had not been given them: for the Levites and the

singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field." Have you known of an incident of this kind in these days? No doubt, there are many able ministers and workers who are in their fields, work shops, and places of labor, who would be on the gospel field now if every member of the great Church of God would settle up with God. Pay your tithes and offerings.

"Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place." (Neh. 13:11.) Rulers—Elders and Overseers. They have searched out God's Word on the tithing question. Why? Because God is contending with them and they are set in their place. Paul said we should obey them that have the rule over us, for they watch for our souls. (Heb. 13:17.) The prophet continues, "Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries." (Neh. 13:12.) Yes, and the Church of God (every member) should bring all the tithes unto the treasuries. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10.) All who express themselves after beginning to pay tithes, say they find this Scripture true. They are blessed.

One man (who is not religious) said he owed a debt of several hundred dollars so he promised God if he would prosper him to pay his debt, he would give one tenth of all he made. In a short time he was out of debt and money ahead. Have you proved Him? If I did not pay my tithes I could not feel good, say, I am a member of the Church of God, realizing that if I held back my tithes, that I might delay some messenger of the gospel in getting the sweet old story to some poor dying soul. Beloved, let us examine ourselves and see if we are really in the faith. (2 Cor. 13: 5.)

The apostle Paul said, All Scripture is good for doctrine, and it teaches that we should pay tithes. The Church of God has for her doctrine the New Testament, and it teaches tithing also. And good for reproof—Yes, we have to use them to reprove those who become negligent and fail to do their duty. They are also good for correction. We need the Scriptures to correct us in many things. They are good for instruction too. There are many who would like to pay tithes and other things which they should do, but do not know how, when or where. Let us go to the Scripture for instructions.

Malachi said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." What is the storehouse?—The Church of God. Who shall receive tithes from me, the preacher? No, "Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries." (Neh. 13:12.) And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasuries of the house of God, and over the treasuries of the dedicated things." (1 Chron. 26: 20.) "On what shall I pay tithes?" is asked. On all that you possess. "And of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." (Gen. 28: 22.) So we find instructions how and where we should pay our tithes as well as the other duties.

God does not force us to pay Him our dues, neither does He force us to repent. But it is either repent or suffer the pen-

alty, so with paying tithes, we either pay them or suffer the penalty. But we pay our tithes because we know it is right and we love to do right. Paul said, "Thoroughly furnished unto all good works." It is a good work to pay one tenth of our possessions into the church treasury for the work of the gospel, and if we fail to do this it may not be so pleasant at the judgment for God's Word is all true and will stand. May God help you to see your duty, and do it when you see it.

I love the Church of God and all of her teachings, and I am striving to measure up to all. But I would be disloyal if I did not pay my tithes. So will you. Surely we need to be wide awake in these days of trouble and turmoil. He that endureth to the end shall be saved. Let us pray.

False Prophets
E. B. Culpepper

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before." (Matt. 24:24, 25.)

Some one will say that they sure can preach good, and they are so kind and loving. Beloved, they will not stop at preaching good, and being kind and loving, but will even do great signs and wonders. Christ in His first sermon, began to warn people against false prophets. "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits." (Matt. 7: 15, 16.)

Listen to the prophet Samuel, "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath rejected thee from being king." (1 Sam. 15: 23.) Witchcraft was punishable by death and we know what iniquity and idolatry will result in.

Do we find any of this rebellion or stubbornness in any of the opposers of the Church of God? I suppose so as some are no longer members of same. "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign and the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken to the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." (Deut. 13:1-3.) Listen, dear ones, and give heed, the false prophets will not only preach good and act loving, but even if his signs and wonders come to pass, do not hearken to the prophet for God is letting this happen only to prove you.

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him: That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might

be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (2 Thes. 2:1-12.)

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, (Heresy, an opinion or doctrine at variance with fundamental truths, commonly received by the church as orthodox, especially, if leading to division.) even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon them swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities."

The writer remembers a false prophet who recently went to a place in his territory, and the people of most all denominations all in line and some who had never attended Pentecostal meetings before thought that this was fine, notwithstanding the fact that this man had been set aside by the Church of God. Those who despise government are put in the same class with the man who walks after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness.

Friends, this is one of the most needful times to study the Scripture, that has ever been. We should surely obey these Scriptures, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." (1 Cor. 15:58.) "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." (Eph. 6:10-19.) "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (1 Pet. 5:5.)

Let us see again how Satan's power is to be. "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth, by the means of miracles which he had power to do in sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live." (Rev. 13:13,14.)

Now, listen, overseer of state, district overseers, deacons and readers, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:28) I have heard of opposers who say, The Bible does not mention overseers. Here is chapter and verse which says the Holy Ghost made them overseers. He did not say to feed about seven hundred creeds, sects, and denominations—but the Church of God. The first is "take heed"—care or notice. Be perfectly straight on every point of doctrine, be settled and grounded so all the false teachers cannot move you. See that these false teachers don't get in among your flocks so that no one's blood will be required at your hand.

Paul says, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." (Acts 20:29, 30.)

Now, deacons and pastors, you need to stand up boldly and prevent people like that from entering your places of worship. Do not be held accountable for it as God has made you watchmen. Above all things, be faithful and settled.

The Lord is Blessing.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God because I can report victory over sin and Satan. Glory to Jesus! I have been in this way over three years and it grows brighter each day. I have been preaching ever since I received the Holy Ghost but did not receive the light on the Church of God till about a year ago.

I have been bringing the Word to this place about three years. There were several believers, some saved and sanctified. When I did all I could I called for help and the Lord answered by sending Sister Mabel McDavid from Fla. and Sister Ruby Sweat from Ga. to assist. The Lord is surely blessing their work. One has been saved, four sanctified and four received the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence. (Acts 2:4.)

The enemy is disturbed and the saints are dancing and shouting the praises of God. Two of the best Baptist members received the Holy Ghost and two others were sanctified and seeking, and many others are believing this way. Sister McDavid stands firmly on the Word and Sister Sweat is a faithful worker. We are looking for greater things as the meeting will continue as long as the Lord leads.

Pray for us that we may win the battle.

Your sister out for lost souls,
Stella Watts,
Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Interpretation.

Asheville, N. C.
Oct. 6, 1919.
Dear Brother Tomlinson:
I can report victory, through

the blood of Jesus. I feel led to send to the Evangel family an interpretation which was given in my home this morning by the Holy Ghost.

Sister Smith and I were praying and praising God when Sister Smith began to speak in other tongues and the Holy Ghost began to use me in giving out the message which I am sending.

With a heart full of love for Jesus and the church He built.

Your sister in Christ,
Dovie Williams.

Message

"I have appointed Brother A. J. Tomlinson General Overseer of my people. Obey him in everything according to the Word, Heb. 13:7. Hold my church up and I will hold you up. But I warn you if you do not walk in the light of my church you will walk in the darkness of Babylon. There is one fold and one shepherd. Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring. My sheep will hear my voice and a stranger they will not follow. Be bold, be strong, be separate. Ye cannot fellowship tobacco and snuff, fornication and adultery and live in my fold. Be ye clean and I will be with you. I will never leave nor forsake you. Take heed unto My words, delight thyself also in Me and I will give thee the desires of thine heart."

Requests

Walter McNabb, Sandy Hook, Miss. desires prayer for the healing of his body.

James M. Richardson of Tellico Plains, Tenn. desires prayer that he may receive the Holy Ghost.

T. L. Shelton of Ridgeway, Va. wants the saints to pray that she may receive the Holy Ghost.

W. E. Cobb of Catoosa, Tenn. desires the saints to pray that his wife may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Bessie Frinks requests prayer that her husband may receive the Holy Ghost and that she may stay humble.

Zonie Fricks, Atlanta, Ga. asks the saints to pray that she may be reclaimed and that her two brothers, one sister and two friends may be saved.

Ruey Pennington wants the saints to pray that he may be healed of a growth on his face and that his back may be healed. Also pray that he may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

E. Z. E. M. Moody of Hayesville, N. C. desires the Church of God people to pray that he and his wife may receive the Holy Ghost and join the Church of God.

Donie Smith of Colbert, Ga. requests prayer that her companion may see the light and walk in it. Also pray that she may be more submissive to the Lord's will.

Mrs. M. L. King of Scottsboro, la. requests the saints to pray that she will get closer to God and for Him to bridle her tongue. Also pray that her husband will preach the gospel as once did.

Johnie Arnold of Jayess, Miss. requests the saints to pray that her brother may get out of the army. He is now in a hospital and is ill treated.

Gaining Ground.

Dear Saints:

I have been a silent reader of the Church of God paper and have been praying and attending holiness meetings and I am closer to the Lord.

When I was sixteen years old the same Holy Ghost that people preach about came into my soul. A light seemed to flash over me and I was made to rejoice with a heavenly joy that no one knows except those who have it. I had the right kind of salvation but could not find a church that stood by the Bible as I saw it. I grew cold having no spiritual food for my soul. But, thank God, the Church of God people are kindling that sweet experience in my soul.

Brother Geo. Cook, Brother Grover Dunn and Brother Clark are with us now. They have salvation for they live it and preach it. Its like a burning fire. I am getting on the old trail. I see the true light. I saw Brother Clark handle fire the other night that would have burned awfully if it had not been the real power of God. I knew from his happy face that he felt no harm. The Holy Ghost is working wonders in these latter times.

I want my friends to know I am gaining ground, especially Brother Joe Lentz of Clay, Miss. A. L. Sample.

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Work While It Is Day.

To All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising the dear Lord for His goodness to me. I am praising Him for this wonderful salvation and marvelous light.

There are many today who are deceiving and being deceived. "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pastor! saith the Lord. Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord. And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase and I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord." (Jer 23: 1-4.)

Saints, let us work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. Satan realizes that he has only a short time to work. I praise God for the blood-washed soldiers and for the great Church of God and her government. It just suits me, glory to Jesus. Let us obey them who have the rule over us and speak evil of no one, but put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand.

Pray for my husband who is in sin, and pray for me that I may always be found at the foot of the cross, ready to do or say something for my blessed Savior, Who has done so much for me.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Myrtle Epps.

Broken Bow, Okla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—
Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:
I am still praising God for the

sweet Holy Ghost which I received three years ago. He is as sweet today as He was the day He came in to dwell. Praise His holy name! I can't praise Him enough.

I have trials and temptations but the Lord helps me through and by His help I mean to go all the way with Him. I am so glad I found the dear old Church of God and I am a member. I am glad I can join the dear saints and send up praises to God on high. Glory to His sweet name!

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may go all the way and that my husband will be saved.

Your humble sister,
Bertha Atteberg.

Notice

To the People in Louisiana:

If any of you desire a meeting to be held in the state, please write,

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Dear Saints:

I am glad to report victory over the enemy. I went to Hayesville, N. C. last August and Brother Latimer was preaching there. I listened very closely and Jesus said, "Follow me." I did so and He saved me, sanctified me and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Praise God!

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The New Jerusalem.

A few nights ago I dreamed of seeing a cross floating in the elements. It was of many colors and lying down. I turned my head and saw an object of triangular shape. In the center of this object was pure velvet. As I looked up, it started toward the earth. As it came down, stars began to fall. It was the most beautiful sight I ever saw.

I did not think much about the dream till a night or two later, I had an unusual dream. Husband, our baby and I were in a room and as we looked out at the window we began to see sights in the sky. We saw two persons walking in the elements. They were not like us and I cannot describe all I saw. I went to the door and as I came back to the window, I saw the most beautiful sight that I ever beheld. I stood still for a minute then I exclaimed, "It is the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, coming down." I tried to show it to others but they could not see it. I saw the most beautiful trees and the leaves were all colors. It was the prettiest place I ever saw. After this the power of God carried me across the room and I began praising God and talking in tongues. I heard my husband praising the Lord. I saw him sitting in a chair holding a little child. When I was thrown across the room husband got between me and the window.

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A Good Thanksgiving Day.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints Scattered Abroad—
Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to sound a note of praise for the loving kindness of our Lord. I praise the Lord for our overseer and for sending him to our state. We had an all day meeting at Carmi on Thanksgiving for the purpose of placing the pastors and making the necessary changes. I believe I can speak the sentiment of each when I say I believe our overseer was directed by the Holy Ghost. Every body seemed to be well pleased. The power of the Lord could be felt throughout each service. The Orphanage was mentioned and the people began to weep and placed twenty-five dollars on the altar for the Orphanage. We mean to continue to cry and give till it is completed. Hallelujah!

As the pastors and workers left the meeting to go to their places, they would say one to another, "I mean to stand by our overseer, observe the teachings of the Assembly and do more this year than any previous year."

I hope to see you at the next General Assembly, if Jesus tarries.

Your little borthier in Christ,
John Attey,
Carmi, Ill.

Not a Member but a Believer.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord for what He is to me. God redeemed me about seven years ago and by His grace I mean to make heaven my home. I am not a member of the Church of God but a believer. There are some holiness people here but there are divisions. I want all who read this to pray that a Church of God will be set in order in this place. I want to be ready when Jesus comes.

Pray that the Lord will heal me and that I may do His will at all times.

Your brother in Christ,
James Osborn.

Determined to Go With Jesus.

Dear Saints of God:

I am praising God because I really know Him. I praise God for saving me from sin, for sanctifying me and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I am determined to go with Jesus. Oh, how I love Jesus because He first loved me and shed His blood that we might be free. I praise God because I am a member of His dear church. I also praise God for His healing power. He has healed me and my children. Many times He has touched my body and strengthened me when it looked as if I would have to go. Bless His name.

I am not of the world. If I had been the world would have loved me. Jesus said His sheep knew His voice and would not follow a stranger. I am glad I am one of His sheep. I am a member of the dear old Church of God where the people dance and talk in tongues, and I am glad I can say, I'm one of them. Glory! I want God to get glory out of my life. I feel the joy bubbling up in my soul. I feel His blessed presence.

I praise God for each messenger who is trying to rightly divide the Word. May God provide for every one. I appreciate the messages that come out in the little paper. Sometimes when I get real hungry to hear the Word preached in its fulness, I will come across the little paper and read the messages and testimonies which feed my hungry soul.

Let us be wise virgins with oil in our vessels. If we love Him

we will keep His commandments. If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we will have fellowship one with another.

"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin because he is born of God." (1 John 3:9.)

Saints, pray that I may be healed of nervousness and for my eyes.

One of the least under the blood,

Sallie Johnson.

Ft. Myers, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and fire. I still have the victory in my soul and I mean to go all the way with Jesus. I am glad to be with the Church of God in Ft. Myers.

"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. (Psa. 119:1-3.)

I praise God for His keeping power because He can keep me from sin each day. Jesus prayed that the Father would keep from evil. (John 17:15.)

I ask the prayers of all the saints of God.

Your brother in Christ,
S. C. James.

Quicksand, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising the Lord for this great plan of salvation. About two years ago, the Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. (Acts 2:4.)

I went to Christopher, Ky. and joined the Church of God. When this church was set in order I came back home. God called my mother and wife away and I am now studying to show myself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth, so I can declare the Word of God boldly.

We had a good service Wednesday night. Some were singing under the power while others were rejoicing in the dance.

Dear saints, pray for the church and Sunday school. There are so many young boys and girls who need the light burning in their hearts.

Yours in the blood-sprinkled way,

G. B. Edwards.

The Orphan's Home

To All the People of God—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I feel glad and thankful to the dear Lord for the great and wonderful things that I feel and see coming to pass in this evening time of light.

I have been thinking very seriously for the last few days of the Orphans Home and Auditorium, and the urgent need of both. Let us catch the thought of carrying out and completing the great, noble and long needed work which was started at the great Assembly, when "big-hearted" men and women contributed from one dollar to one hundred dollars in cash and gave subscriptions from one dollar to five hundred dollars. Friends, this is a great start and a good one so let us pull together with one accord and redeem our pledges as soon as possible.

Brother Tomlinson and the board of elders are at the head of this great work. We all know or should know that they already have a great responsibility and their time is taken. So let us do our part in this great

work and make the burden less for them to carry. It will take large sums of money and I do not believe there are any of us who would want the least embarrassment to come about for the lack of aid of any kind. So let us keep this in mind and never let up or weaken our efforts until every plan has been carried out. If we have subscribed an amount, let us double the amount if needed. We can and should do this and even more when called on for the cause we reverence so much.

Some of you have comfortable homes for your children: good schools and consecrated teachers to teach them; a loving family altar at home where mother and father pray; then have a clean, warm bed for the night, and they have no anxious fear. But—there are others who are less fortunate. They have no home, no teachers, no parents, and no place to go. They have no one to love them and, very likely, they are thinly clad and bare-footed. The parents of many of them have been wrecked and ruined by sin and crime and many of these little innocent ones that are left are still wondering. Some are hungry and cold.

Beloved, let us find them and be a father and mother to them and spend our last dollar and our own lives, if necessary, in protecting and housing them safely in the Shepherd's peaceful fold—the Church of God—the original orphan's home. I think that we will all pray as we never have for there is so much more to be done and time is so rapidly passing away.

Thank God! I want to be better and do more for Him who gave His life for me. I want all of you to pray for God to give me the Holy Ghost.

May the blessings and favors of Him who saves by love be with every one.

Humbly yours,
W. B. Cobb,
Quitman, Ga.

Memorial

Francis A. Allison was born Oct. 17, 1844, and departed this life Nov. 13, 1919, age 75 years and 27 days, after a lingering illness due to a complication. He had been a great sufferer for years, was confined to his bed twelve days and all that loving hands could do for him was done, but our heavenly Father deemed it wise to take him where there is no sickness, sorrow nor pain. He was ready and willing to go.

At the age of 23 he joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a warm Christian until June 15, 1919, he joined the Church of God.

At the age of eighteen he volunteered in the ranks of service, belonging to Co. F, 54th Va. Regiment, and served four years in the Civil war.

He was married to Elizabeth Cecil, Oct. 28, 1868. To this union were born four children, A. B. Allison, Mrs. J. L. Cole, Mrs. C. P. Rakes and Mrs. Ella Williams, all of whom were at his bedside during his illness and death.

Funeral service was conducted by E. D. Reeves of Roanoke, Va. He was laid to rest in the family section at Cecil's Chapel Nov. 15, 1919. Pallbearers were, J. L. Cole, S. S. Cole, Forest Owen, Mason Cole, Charlie Elkins and R. G. Cornett.

May the Divine Hand lead the widow and children and loved ones in great peace and bring them all into the enjoyment of eternal rest.

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